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CNET INSTRUCTION 7220.2D

Subj: COMMUTATION IN LIEU OF UNIFORMS FOR ENROLLED MEMBERS OF
NROTC AT CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Ref: (a) Memo for Director, NROTC Program, Naval Education and
Training Command of 26 May 92
(b) CNETINST 1533.12F

1. Purpose. To prescribe policy guidance for payment of commutation in lieu of uniforms for enrolled members of certain Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) units.

2. Cancellation. CNETINST 7220.2C

3. Applicability. The provisions of this instruction apply to military and maritime academies, colleges, and universities which meet the criteria and exceptions set forth below.

a. Criteria

(1) Confer baccalaureate or graduate degrees

(2) Require a course in military training throughout the undergraduate course for all qualified undergraduate students

(3) Organize their military or merchant marine students as a corps of cadets under constantly maintained military discipline

(4) Require all members of the corps, including those members enrolled in the NROTC, to be habitually in uniform when on campus

(5) Have as their objectives the development of the military or merchant marine student's character by means of military training and the regulation of their conduct in accordance with the principles of military discipline

(6) Require all members of the corps of cadets to be under constantly maintained military discipline on a 24-hour-per-day, 7-day-a-week basis, and

(7) In general, meet military standards similar to those maintained at the service academies.

b. Exceptions. The designation "all qualified undergraduate students" in paragraph 3a(2) includes all physically fit students except:

(1) Students who are pursuing special undergraduate courses in excess of 4 years after completion of the required military training, and

(2) Certain categories of students who are specifically excused by (board of trustees) administrative decisions and approved by the ROTC unit commander, e.g., Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program.

4. Commutation. Commutation in lieu of uniforms is payment made by the Military Departments to cadets and midshipmen at approved institutions instead of the issue of uniforms in accordance with 10 U.S.C., Chapter 103, Sections 2101-2111. Commutation in lieu of uniforms for ROTC students enrolled at military and maritime academies, colleges, and universities meeting the established criteria is reimbursement made to cadets for uniforms based on the requirement to wear school-designated uniforms daily throughout the school year.

a. Standard Commutation Rates. Each year, the Secretary of the Military Department concerned shall provide the estimated rates of commutation for basic and advanced ROTC programs to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) (OASD(FM&P)). The OASD(FM&P) will determine and notify the Military Services of the approved rates that will serve as a maximum rate for the year. Commutation rates shall be determined based upon approved clothing prices as published annually by the Defense Logistics Agency. Uniform issue shall consider dress, duty (daily, seasonal), including insignia, outer garments and accessories, a consideration for alterations and maintenance (not to exceed \$25.00 per cadet).

b. Payments. The standard commutation payment shall be made directly to the midshipman or cadet after an initial probationary period of enrollment not to exceed 60 days. It is the midshipman's responsibility to settle accounts with the school for their uni-

R) forms. Payment shall be made on an annual basis via the Direct Deposit System. Any deviation from this policy will require written approval from the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET). Units will utilize the Commutation (Uniform) Pay section in the OPMIS System to pay the eligible NROTC midshipmen for commutation in lieu of uniforms.

c. Naval Science Students. Naval Science students are not entitled to commutation. Only those students officially enrolled in the NROTC scholarship or college program as defined by reference (b) shall receive commutation.

5. Action

a. CNET

(1) Review standard rate estimates and submit special rate estimates to Chief of Naval Operations (N71C) by 15 June annually (R for submittal to OUSD (P&R);

(2) Promulgate the approved special rate during the month of August annually;

(3) Determine eligibility of schools for commutation in lieu of uniforms;

(4) Conduct inspections as part of the CNET Command Inspection process and arrange for and conduct other reviews as required by higher authority to ensure that individuals receiving commutation in lieu of uniforms are qualified in accordance with the criteria set forth herein; and,

(5) Budget, fund, obligate, and establish Reserve Personnel, Navy accounts and payment procedures for commutation in lieu of uniforms for individuals designated by the Chief of Naval Operations.

b. Commanding Officers, NROTC Units

(1) Monitor at the local level and inform CNET (OTE41) of changes in status or problems which cannot be resolved locally, (D

(2) Include requirements for commutation in lieu of uniforms in annual and quarterly financial plans (Schedules C and C1).

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